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SUBJ: ISRAELI PRESS ON NEGOTIATIONG PROSPECTS

SUMMARY: PRESS CONTINUE TO SPECULATE ON PROSPECTS OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR INTERIM GOE/GOI AGREEMENT FOLLOWING REPORT THAT EGYPTIAN REPLY TO ISRAELI PROPOSALS HAS ALREADY ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON. PRESS BELIEVE THAT US WILL REQUEST ISREL TO MAKE NEW CONCESSIONS AND THAT " THERE ARE SIGNS THAT NEW PRESSURES WILL BE EXERTED ON ISRAEL" (MAARIV-SEGEV).
END SUMMARY.

1. HAARETZ (MARGALIT) REPORTS THAT " IN ITS RECENT REPLY TO ISRAELI PROPOSALS IT SEEMS THAT EGYPT HAS NOT CLOSED THE DOOR TO THE CONTINUATION OF NEGOTIATIONS...BUT KISSINGER AND HIS AIDES BELIEVE THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE EGYPTIAN REPLY CANNOT SATISFY ISRAEL..." HENCE THE DELAY IN FORWARDING THE REPLY TO ISRAEL. HAARETZ (GOLAN) WRITES THAT " SENIOR OBSERVERS IN JERUSALEM ARE CONVINCED THAT US WILL ASK ISRAEL TO SUBMIT NEW PROPOSALS FOR AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT...THIS IS UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPECTED TODAY OR TOMORROW WHEN THE EGYPTIAN REPLY...TO ISRAELI PROPOSALS ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM... THE OBSERVERS ARE UNANIMOUS IN THINKING THAT EGYPT WILL REJECT THE ISRAELI PROPOSALS BUT

WITHOUT ALTOGETHER CLOSING THE DOOR TO CONTINUATION OF NEGOTIATIONS. THE MAIN EGYPTIAN OPPOSITION IS EXPECTED ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE. IT APPEARS THAT EGYPT WILL CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT THE CORRIDOR BETWEEN THE GULF OF SUEZ AND ABU-RODEIS BE WIDENED AND THAT ISRAEL WITHDRAW FROM THE ENTIRE AREA OF THE PASSES..."

2. GOLAN SPECULATES THAT US REQUEST TO ISRAEL TO SUBMIT NEW PROPOSALS WILL DEAL MAINLY WITH THE PASSES. " DURING HIS VISIT TO THE US IT HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR TO MR. RABIN THAT THE US DOES NOT SUPPORT THE POSITION THAT ISRAEL SHOULD WITHDRAW ONLY FROM WESTERN SLOPES...SECRETARY KISSINGER MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT EGYPT WOULD AGREE TO IT...THE FOLLOWING MOVES ARE EXPECTED IN JERUSALEM: ISRAEL WILL RECEIVE EGYPT'S REACTIONS TODAY OR TOMORROW. CONSULTATION WILL BE HELD OVER THE WEEKEND BETWEEN PM, FM AND DEFMIN. CONCLUSIONS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AND DISCUSSION BY THE CABINET...ON SUNDAY, ISRAEL WILL THEN TRANSMIT TO WASHINGTON ITS NEW PROPOSALS WHICH WILL START THE SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS. THE GENERAL OPINION IN JERUSALEM IS THAT THE PROPOSALS WILL BE BASED ON (GOI'S) EARLIER DECISION WHICH ESTABLISHED A POLICY OF ' A COMPROMISE IN RETURN FOR A COMPROMISE'. ISRAEL WILL PROBABLY EXPRESS READINESS TO MAKE ANOTHER CONCESSION.. PROVIDED IT RECEIVES AN EGYPTIAN CONCESSION. THE CONCESSION WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE REQUIRED IS THE EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT'S DURATION FOR A PERIOD LONGER THAN THE THREE YEARS WHICH EGYPT HAS ALREADY AGREED TO."

3. HATZOFE WRITES THAT " FOLLOWING REPORTS THAT EGYPT REJECTS THE ISRAELI COMPROMISE
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PROPOSALS AND DEMANDS ENTIRE PASSES ...CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED THAT THE US MAY EXERT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO MAKE (ADDITIONAL) CONCESSIONS TO EGYPT...THE FEAR EXISTS NOW THAT FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ISRAEL WILL GIVE UP THE ENTIRE PASSES...PM RABIN HAS SO FAR ADOPTED A FIRM POSITION AS REGARDS THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE PASSES, BUT THE FEAR EXISTS THAT RABIN WILL HAVE TO GIVE UP THE EASTERN SIDE ALSO...."

4. MAARIV (SEGEV) ALSO REPORTS THAT ISRAEL IS NOW AWAITING EGYPTIAN REPLY TO ITS CONCESSIONS. " THE GENERAL OPINION IS THAT EGYPT WILL NOT COMPLETELY

REJECT THE ISRAELI PROPOSALS ...THE FACT THAT
ISRAEL HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE EGYPTIAN REPLY
IS EXPLAINED BY OBSERVERS AS PROOF THAT FURTHER
CLARIFICATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND CAIRO ARE
NEEDED BEFORE SUBMISSION OF THE
EGYPTIAN COUNTER-PROPOSAL TO ISRAEL...
IN THE MEANTIME THERE ARE GROWING SIGNS THAT
US WILL TRY TO EXERT MORE PRESSURE ON ISRAEL
IN AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT
IN THE SINAI..." SEGEV QUOTES AMERICAN
OFFICIALS AS SAYING THAT " ISRAEL WILL BE FORECED
TO MAKE MORE CONCESSIONS WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTED
BY SADAT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT..."
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